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Cc: Lehmann, Sarah[Lehmann.Sarah@epa.gov]; Mayo, Alice[Mayio.Alice@epa.gov]; Tarquinio, Ellen[Tarquinio.Ellen@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Patricia
Sent: Wed 4/24/2013 9:03:33 PM
Subject: RE: Sierra Club
MAIL_RECEIVED: Wed 4/24/2013 9:03:36 PM

As I mentioned, Amercian Rivers gave the NRSA quite a bit of coverage on their FB page. Here are 2 examples of their posts.

They also started a petiion that linked from their FB page.

<http://www.takepart.com/actions/tell-epa-dont-delay-protect-clean-water>

I was amazed to see it on the Colbert Report! Antonio shared the link. I love the show, but don't get to see it very often.

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Bartley Tucker I love it

April 12 at 2:32pm via mobile · [Like](#)



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Allison Aldrich Oh brings back memories

April 12 at 4:15pm · Like



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American Rivers shared a link.

April 11

Another finding in the EPA study: 40% of miles have high levels of phosphorus, and amounts causes algal blooms depleting thereby making it difficult for aquatic life

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"At American Rivers we like to say that rivers connect us, but how do you reconnect a river?"

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American Rivers shared a link.

April 14

A recent EPA report finds: Over 13,000 have mercury in fish tissue at levels that are protective of human health.

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From: Holdsworth, Susan
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 12:14 PM
To: Bravo, Antonio; Wall, Tom
Cc: Lehmann, Sarah; Scott, Patricia; Smothers, Yvonne
Subject: RE: Sierra Club

Hi Antonio,

Wouldn't we handle this with the rest of the comments we receive during the comment period rather than as a separate CMS?

Susan

From: Bravo, Antonio
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 9:23 AM
To: Wall, Tom
Cc: Holdsworth, Susan; Lehmann, Sarah; Scott, Patricia; Smothers, Yvonne
Subject: FW: Sierra Club

This is likely to be the start of a letter writing campaign, and will probably become an assignment under CMS....might as well start preparing a response.

Yvonne, can you let us know as soon as this enters CMS.

I agree with Susan that this could be a positive despite the extra work it will create.

From: Scott, Patricia
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Lehmann, Sarah
Cc: Badaracco, Christina; Bravo, Antonio
Subject: RE: Sierra Club

Sarah,

I think that the Sierra Club initiated this on their own.

We did send the NRSA fact sheet, press release and NRSA web links to some of our key watershed partners, including River Network, American Rivers, Center for Watershed Protection, SE Watershed Forum, and a few other groups (not the Sierra Club). We encouraged them to share the information on their social media sites.

American Rivers has been putting NRSA stats on their FB page. I think I may have seen a blog about it. I will try to show you some of the posts.

From: Lehmann, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 8:55 AM
To: Scott, Patricia
Subject: Sierra Club

Patty -- was this one of the groups involved in that blogging you mentioned?

From: Wall, Tom
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 5:29 PM
To: Holdsworth, Susan; Mayo, Alice; Lehmann, Sarah; Tarquinio, Ellen
Cc: Evans, David
Subject: RE: Added Bullet

Just to confirm -- they've done this on their own, right?

From: Holdsworth, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 5:23 PM
To: Mayo, Alice; Lehmann, Sarah; Tarquinio, Ellen
Cc: Wall, Tom; Evans, David
Subject: RE: Added Bullet

Hey all—I think this is good. Democracy in action. We want people to care about water quality.

To Alice's practical concern, we will get help with the response related to waters of the US.

Susan Holdsworth

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From: Mayo, Alice
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Lehmann, Sarah; Tarquinio, Ellen; Holdsworth, Susan
Subject: RE: Added Bullet

Dang. This seems clearly related to the WOUS issue. What are we supposed to do about it?

From: Lehmann, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 4:54 PM
To: Tarquinio, Ellen; Holdsworth, Susan
Cc: Mayo, Alice
Subject: Added Bullet

The Sierra Club has posted a NRSA – related item on their Advocacy page asking people to send in a message about the National Rivers and Streams Assessment to President Obama, Acting Administrator Perciasepe, and the NRSA comments email box. We have received what appears to be 100s of these messages since 3:00 today! The website is:

<https://secure.sierraclub.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=10843>

Here is the information from the website and the basic message.

Send a message to protect and restore our rivers and streams

Fifty-five percent of river and stream miles are in poor condition, according to a national survey EPA released in March. Too much nitrogen and phosphorus pollution, bacteria and habitat loss are the main problems. The Obama administration should act immediately to improve water quality by protecting headwater streams and wetlands.

Send a message today!

1. Complete the form below with your information.
2. Personalize your message if you wish.

3. Click the Send Your Message button to send your message to:

- ☐ President Barack Obama
- ☐ Mr. Robert 'Bob' W. Perciasepe
- ☐ EPA docket:

MESSAGE

I am writing to comment on EPA's National Rivers and Streams Assessment, which shows that 55 percent of the nation's rivers and streams are in poor condition. President Obama's legacy should not include leaving the nation's rivers and streams more polluted than when he came into office. The Obama administration should take immediate action to improve the quality of our rivers and streams by finalizing its long-delayed policy guidance clarifying the protection of small streams and wetlands.

I commend the EPA for its new survey, the most scientifically valid national monitoring study of its kind. The bottom line is that too many of our rivers and streams are in bad shape. Excessive fertilizer runoff from agriculture, manure from factory farms, poorly treated sewage and runoff from developed areas have become a major water quality problem. Forty percent of streams have excess levels of phosphorus and 27 percent have excess nitrogen. These pollutants lead to harmful algal blooms that kill fish, close beaches, harm local economies and, in some places even threaten drinking water quality.

The quickest action the President could take to improve water quality in rivers and streams is to clarify the protections for small streams and wetlands, which trap and filter pollutants, like excess nitrogen and phosphorus, and prevent them from traveling downstream, where they could cause algal blooms and dead zones. The administration announced plans to restore protections to these critical waters in April, 2011, but it never finished the job.

With 55 percent of our rivers and streams in poor shape, the administration must take action now by issuing a final policy that will protect small streams and wetlands and beginning a formal rulemaking.

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